



Summary of 2013-15 State Budget (2013 WI Act 20)

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The 2013-15 State Budget was completed on June 30, 2013, and signed into law as 2013 Wisconsin Act 20. The following is a brief summary of major provisions related to the University of Wisconsin System (UW).

Two-Year Tuition Freeze: The Board of Regents is prohibited from increasing resident undergraduate tuition for the next two years.

Differential Tuition Freeze: Existing differential tuitions must remain at or below the amounts charged in the 2012-13 academic year during the biennium.

Act 20 also made **significant cuts to UW System funding**, only a portion of which can be offset by one-time cash balances.

	Biennial Cost
Reduces state GPR support (\$32.8 million ongoing)*	\$65,688,600
Requires the Board of Regents to reallocate funds for the UW Flex Option (\$1.3 million ongoing)*, the UW Carbone Cancer Center , the Wisconsin Academy of Rural Medicine (WARM), and the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health Program (TRIUMPH), as well as incentive grants focused on economic development, workforce development, and improving college affordability	\$31,472,800
Requires UW to self-fund a portion of salary and fringe benefit increases (\$27.8 million ongoing)*	\$47,081,800
Removes state support for the Higher Educational Aids Board, and substitutes an equal amount of UW funds, leaving financial aid unchanged	\$58,345,400
Total cuts, transfers, and unfunded expenses:	\$202,588,000
* These actions create an ongoing <u>structural shortfall of \$62 million</u> in UW System's annual operating budgets beginning in fiscal year 2015-16	

In addition, **\$89.4 million** in block grant funding that had been included in the Governor's original budget was moved from UW System's budget and placed into the state's Compensation Reserve. Those monies will be used to partially fund a state compensation plan for UW employees. The pay plan would provide 1% pay increases and cover the cost of fringe benefits in each year of the 2013-15 biennium.





Other provisions:

- Delays implementation until July 1, 2015, of new UW personnel policies developed over the past two years
- Deletes the Governor's recommendation to provide the Board of Regents with authority for establishing pay plans for UW faculty and staff
- Mandates that the Board of Regents develop new policies – to be approved by the Legislature – that govern how tuition revenues and state GPR funds are allocated, and how cash balances are monitored
- Requires the UW System and the Wisconsin Technical College System to establish a 30-credit core curriculum to facilitate easier transfers
- Prohibits UW from collecting mandatory fees to support United Council of UW Students, but allows students to choose an "opt-in" fee
- Permits UW to remain part of Internet2 and other research-based communication networks, but continues the prohibition on UW's participation in WiscNet
- Allows veterans who did not enlist in service from Wisconsin to receive tuition and fee remissions if they have resided in the state for five consecutive years prior to enrolling at an institution; veterans and children/spouses receiving remissions will be required to maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA beginning the first semester after Jan. 1, 2014
- Requires the Board of Regents to provide to the Legislature, annually by Oct. 15, a list of all fees charged to students at each institution and the amount those fees have increased in each of the last five years
- Authorizes the Department of Administration (DOA) – with approval by the State Building Commission and the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) – to sell or lease state-owned property under the jurisdiction of other agencies, including UW
- Requires the Secretary of DOA to eliminate 450 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in state agencies, including UW, during 2013-15
- Implements several new reporting requirements for UW, including additions to the Accountability Report and an inventory of real property